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SUBJECT: ACRYLAMIDE SOIL GROUTS

REF: STATE 292509

1. A LOCAL INCIDENT INVOLVING ACRYLAMIDE CONTAMINATION OF WELL WATER PROMPTED MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION TO ISSUE QTE PROVISIONAL GUIDELINE ON EXECUTION TF CONSTRUCTION WORK USING CHEMICAL FLUID INJECTION METHOD UNQTE ON JULY 10, 1974. UNDER THE GUIDELINE, ACRYLAMIDE AND SEVERAL OTHER CHEMCIAL SUBSTANCES ARE PESTRICTED TO EMERGENCY USES. THE GUIDELINE DEFINES IHEMICAL FLUID AS LIQUID BODY CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING: SODIUM SILICATE, LIGNIN AND ITS DERIVATIVES, POLYISOCYANATE, UREA/FORMALDEHYDE CONDENSATE, AND ACRYLAMIDE. THE ONLY CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE THAT CAN BE USED IN CONSTRUCTION WORK UNDER JURSDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION IS WATER GLASS WHICH DOES NOT CONTAIN DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCES OR FLUORINE COMPOUNDS. WHEN CHEMICALS OTHER THAN WATER GLASS

ARE USED IN EMERGENCIES, USERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE EVERY STEP TO ENSURE SAFETY AND TO CARRY OUT ADQUATE POST-WORK MONITORING OF THE QUALITY OF UNDERGROUND WATER.

2. ON SEPT. 30, 1975, MINISTRY OF LABOR ISSUED A NOTIFICATION DESIGNED TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM INJURIES BY EXPOSURE TO CERTAIN
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SPECIFIED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES. THE NOTIFICATION, BASED ON THE

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LABOR SAFETY AND SANITATION LAW OF JUNE 8, 1972, RELATES TO PERFORMANCE OF AIR EXHAUSTER USED IN PLACES WHERE ACRYLAMIDE AND OTHER SPECIFIED CHEMICAL SUSTANCES ARE USED OR MANUFACTERED. AS FAR AS ACRYLAMIDE IS CONCERNED, THE NOTIFICATION PROVIDES THAT THE CONCENTRATION OF ACRYLAMIDE MONOMER ON THE OUTERSIDE

OF THE HOOD OF THE EXHAUSTER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 0.3 MILLIGRAM PER CUBIC METER.

3. EMBASSY WILL POUCH TO EPA/OIA RELEVANT DOCUMENTS (ALL IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE) AS SOON AS THEY ARE OBTAINED. ABOVE INFO IS BASED ON CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE TWO MINISTRIES. HODGSON

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